



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard Vanderpoel

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For: VALVE ACTUATION SYSTEM WITH VALVE SEATING CONTROL

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 6, 2006 and in connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. The current Listing of Claims is provided on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.